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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Commission would appreciate your conducting the following additional investigation for us:

1. Mr. Garland Slack, 3130 de Lee Street, Dallas, Texas, has testified before the Commission that on November 17, 1963, he was present at the Sports Drome Rifle Range in Dallas where he observed a man whom he thought to be Lee Harvey Oswald. He testified that while there he became involved in an altercation with this man because this person was firing at his target. Slack also said that he observed "a tall boy" wearing a beard accompanying the man he thought to be Oswald, and that the two of them left together in an older model 4-door sedan. Mr. Slack testified that his wife, Lucille, was present with him on this occasion at the firing range.

Please interview Lucille Slack and obtain from her all information which she has in regard to the above incident at the firing range. Among other questions, you should be sure to ask Mrs. Slack to describe the person who became involved in the argument with her husband, whether she believes that the man was Lee Harvey Oswald, and whether she believes that the bearded person at the firing range was a companion of the man her husband believes to have been Oswald. Also ask Mrs. Slack to describe the gun that the man believed to be Oswald was firing, and determine whether Mrs. Slack noticed any unusual blast or flames when the rifle was fired. Did the gun have a scope or a sling? If so, of what type? Also ask Mrs. Slack when she believes her husband first noted the similarity between the man he had seen at the firing range and Lee Harvey Oswald; if she believes that the man was Oswald when did she first notice the similarity? You might also in a subtle manner attempt to

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obtain from Mrs. Slack an evaluation of her husband's veracity.

2. In the report from the Dallas Office of your Bureau dated February 25, 1964, it was reported that on the preceding day Special Agent C. Ray Hall, with the use of a polygraph, interviewed Albert Guy Bogard in regard to his allegation that on November 9, 1963, he gave a demonstration ride to a man who visited the Downtown Lincoln-Mercury salesroom in Dallas and gave his name as Lee Oswald. The report indicates that the emotional responses recorded by the polygraph were those normally expected of a person telling the truth. However, the report provides only a summary of the questions which were asked Mr. Bogard. Would you please provide us with as detailed a report as possible concerning the precise questions asked of Mr. Bogard and his answers to these questions.

3. In the report prepared by Special Agents C. Ray Hall and Maurice J. White on December 11, 1963, covering an interview with Mr. Oran Paul Brown, 101 Savannah, Waxahachie, Texas, it appears that Mr. Brown provided corroboration for the testimony of Mr. Bogard. Mr. Brown stated that one to two weeks before the assassination Bogard asked him to service Oswald if he appeared in the salesroom while Bogard was not in, and that Brown wrote Oswald's name on a slip of paper which at some time he brought home with him. Mr. Brown further stated that when he returned home on the evening of November 22, 1963, his wife asked him what he knew about Oswald since she had seen Oswald's name on a piece of paper among his effects. Please interview Mrs. Brown to determine whether or not she ever observed the name "Lee Oswald" on a piece of paper among Brown's effects and whether or not she ever made the remark to her husband which he ascribed to her.

Also, reinterview Oran Brown to determine whether or not on November 22 he himself saw Mr. Bogard remove a business card from his wallet which he claimed bore Oswald's name and throw this card in the refuse.

4. Also in connection with the testimony of Mr. Bogard, please interview a Mr. Wilson who was a salesman at the Downtown Lincoln-Mercury at the time of the assassination, and reinterview Jack A. Lawrence, 144 10th Avenue, South Charleston, West Virginia, and Robert V. Teter, 3737 Higgins, Dallas, who also previously were salesmen at this showroom. Determine from all three men the circumstances under which they first learned of Mr. Bogard's allegation that Oswald had been a prospective customer; in particular, determine whether any of these men themselves saw Bogard take a card from his wallet, announce that Oswald's name was upon it, and tear up the card and throw it in the trash.

As to Mr. Wilson, also determine whether he has any knowledge about Mr. Bogard's having used Wilson's demonstrator car to make a demonstration to a prospective customer on November 9, 1963. Before the assassination, did Bogard ever mention anything to Wilson about such a demonstration or about the customer to whom he made the demonstration?

As to Mr. Lawrence, he has previously stated to Special Agents John B. Woodruff and Leon H. Graben, on December 11, 1963, that Bogard "wrote up papers covering the sale of this car to Oswald"; determine precisely what "papers" Lawrence was referring to and the basis upon which he made such statement. Mr. Lawrence also stated that "as a result" of his calling Mr. Bogard's allegation to the attention of the FBI "his leaving his employment in Dallas at the Downtown Lincoln-Mercury Company was speeded up and occurred the same day he made the call." Determine the basis upon which he believes that his discharge was connected with his calling this matter to the attention of the FBI; when he called the FBI, did Mr. Bogard or Mr. Pizzo, the assistant sales manager, or anybody else oppose his doing so? Ascertain the surrounding circumstances.

As to Mr. Teter, who has previously informed your Bureau that Lawrence had at one time told him that he had received a bad conduct discharge, determine whether and when he related this fact to Mr. Pizzo; if he did so inform Mr. Pizzo, what was Pizzo's reaction to this information?

Also, please reinterview Mr. Bogard himself to determine whether he spoke to anybody other than Mr. Pizzo about the prospective customer he believes was Oswald prior to the date of the assassination. If Mr. Bogard does not recall doing so, ask him, in particular, whether or not he ever spoke to Mr. Brown about this customer and asked Brown to service the customer for him if the customer should appear in the evening when Bogard was not in the showroom. Also ask Mr. Bogard whether he prepared a write-up sheet on the customer or merely wrote his name on the back of his business card. If he did not prepare a write-up sheet, why did he not do so?

5. Clifton M. Shasteen, 2214 Fairfax, Irving, Texas, who owns Cliftons Barber Shop, 1321 South Storey, Irving, has testified before the Commission that a man he believes to have been Lee Harvey Oswald was in his barbershop on several occasions prior to the assassination for haircuts. He testified that on at least two occasions the person believed to be Oswald was accompanied by a 14 year old boy, who was also in the barbershop by himself on other occasions, and also that he saw the man thought to be Oswald drive to the barbershop in Mrs. Paine's station wagon. Please interview the barbers who worked for Mr. Shasteen during October and November of 1963. A Mr. Burt Clover and a Mr. Buddy Lowe (or Law) were employed by Shasteen during this period; it is not clear whether or not there were other barbers in Shasteen's shop during this time. Determine whether the other barbers recall a customer in the shop who they believe resembles or was in fact Lee Harvey Oswald. Shasteen

testified that the person he believes was Oswald was in the shop on one occasion on a Friday evening close to 7:00 p.m. at about the time that Shasteen was leaving for a high school football game; this was either on November 1 or November 8, 1963. Referring to the occasion on which Mr. Glover cut this person's hair, Shasteen testified as follows:

> "he went around and instead of using his back bar to look in the mirror and comb his hair, he went down to the one at the middle chair and just rudely pushed out of the way and he go up there and combed his hair and turned his water on, you know, and got some more oil and put on it, on his hair, and he didn't say thank you or excuse me or nothing. He just pushed in there---those things make you remember."

Obtain from the barbers as complete a description as possible of the physical appearance of any person they believe resembled Oswald, including a full description of his apparel; also ascertain as much information as possible about any person who may have accompanied a man resembling Oswald to the barbershop and also ascertain whether the man resembling Oswald was seen driving a car to the barbershop, and if so, obtain a description of the car.

Mr. Shasteen also testified that his "brother-in-law used to live right across the street from" Mrs. Paine; he also testified that he owned some property in Irving which he rents to others. Please re-interview Mr. Shasteen in order to obtain the addresses of his brother-in-law's former residence and the rental property which he owns, and then attempt to verify the information which he provides you.

The Commission appreciates the continuing cooperation of your Bureau.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
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